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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Thibaut MAURICE et al.

Application No.: 10/716,897

Confirmation No. 7072

Filing Date: November 18, 2003

Group Art Unit: 1775

For: PREPARATION METHOD FOR
PROTECTING THE BACK SURFACE OF A
WAFER AND BACK SURFACE PROTECTED
WAFER

Examiner: A. Turner

Attorney Docket No.: 4717-12000

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 14, 2005, please enter the following amendments and comments into the file of this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the complete listing of all claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

No fee is believed to be due for the filing of this response. Should any fees be required, please charge them to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.